

Application No. 10/780,522
Docket No. 2004U001.US
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Remarks

Section 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 16 and 30 to add the phrase —spray dried—, thus modifying the term “catalyst system”. The “spray drying” step necessarily results in a composition that, when combined with the mineral oil and alkanes as claimed, forms a “slurry” (see amendment below). According to the description by the Applicant, it is not necessary that the “catalyst system” include a filler, as this is only a preferred embodiment. See, for example, paragraph [00298]. The Applicant thus has enabled the claims.

The Examiner also rejected the same claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph due to the use of the phrase “one or more alkanes” as not being enabled. The Applicant traverses this rejection. First, the original claims contain this feature, thus, it was not added during prosecution. Second, the specification supports this throughout at, for example, paragraph [0010] to [0012]. The use of hexane in the working examples is non-limiting. “There is a strong presumption that an adequate written description of the claimed invention is present when the application is filed.” MPEP § 2163, at 2100-166 (Rev. 2, 2004) (compliance with Section 112, first paragraph). The Applicant contends that the claims are thus enabled.

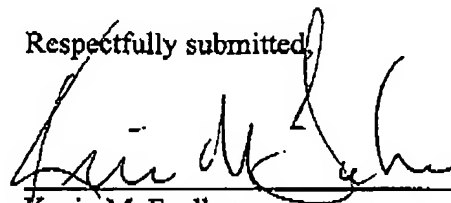
The phrase - to form a slurry - has been added back to claims 1, 16 and 30. Applicant contends that claims 2 and 4-9 now satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

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The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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